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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, MS #82
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: RURAL (NON-MPO) 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 8

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 8 to the rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated July 7, 2005. This amendment adds six new project listings to the FSTIP, modifies ten project listings for projects previously listed in the FSTIP, and deletes twenty project listings previously included in the FSTIP. Based on our review, this amendment proposes decreased funding commitments to projects listed in program year 2004/05 by \$8.581 million, excluding the \$112.887 million reduction resulting from the technical correction to fund amount programmed for the Peddler Hill Scenic Overlook project in Amador County. Further, the amendment increases funding committed to projects in the 2005/06 program year by \$2.483 million, and increases funding committed to projects in the 2006/07 program year by \$22.929 million. Pursuant to 23 CFR 450.216, project programming information provided for additional years, before or beyond the current FSTIP triennial element, is considered by the FHWA and the FTA only as informational.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR part 450 and find that the amendment is based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions in 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are either associated with projects proposed for implementation in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made, or are associated with projects of the types listed in Table 2 or Table 3 of conformity regulations and, as a consequence, are exempt from the regional emissions analysis and conformity requirements. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration pursuant to the procedures for single mode amendments



outlined in the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, dated July 15, 2004.

This letter constitutes joint FHWA and FTA approval for the inclusion of Amendment Number 8 for the rural non-MPO areas of the State into California's 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

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Non-MPO FSTIP Binder

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